Excellence

Each year the Everett Moore Baker Committee is faced with the task of recognizing outstanding teachers one or more to receive the Baker Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching. Offered to young, dedicated faculty members, this award serves to recognize the fine efforts of these people on behalf of the students.

The award goes far beyond the gift of $250 and the medal; it recognizes excellence in teaching at the most fundamental level—the undergraduate classroom. The winners are selected by the undergraduate students who participate in those rigorous, demanding courses taught by their students and problems outside the classroom. He must believe in the essential importance of teaching for its own sake, and energy to go beyond the classroom and the confines of a rigid course structure to a more fruitful exchange between student and teacher.

There is no simple formula which insures a teacher has an "extraordinary interest and ability to instill interest in students hold for a willingness to go beyond the classroom and the confines of a rigid course structure to a more fruitful exchange between student and teacher."

Carnival time

Recognition of another sort is in order for a faculty member this Saturday. The Big Screw Award is one which has sparked a rare enthusiasm and many are anxiously awaiting the outcome of this event. Who could speak of apathy when a student body of our size casts 50,000 votes for beloved members of the faculty? Somebody cares.

The annual APO Carnival never seems to be without the theme or the stant necessary to attract our attention and our attendance. We have seen many outstanding events, but few have captured our attention like the following events.

Today's hand comes from the regional phase of the National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament in which four MIT pairs participated. This event was the Par Bridge competition against players who had qualified earlier from other universities. The winners, Ken Lebensold and Paul Selwyn, now qualify for the final round in Chicago in May.

Par Bridge

Par bridge is a different strategy for the game, one normally taught in beginning bridge courses. The par bridge method is used only in case of a tie for first place. If the same score is reached, the Bridge Committee will decide which pair will receive the award.

The answer is ... 

With this description of par play, the best way to work out the solution is to count your winners exactly what you still need to win. You have been in Club, and 2 Diamonds. Spades may produce only one more trick and hearts are unlikely to yield any more. Thus declarer's limit chance for the 2 needed tricks is 

par bridge

Though many have vied for the honor, there can only be one winner of The Big Screw. Will it be?...